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NINTH DAY, TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2003

Speaker Hanaway in the Chair.

Prayer by Representative Larry Morris.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for allowing us to meet in this Chamber today. Give us a spirit of wisdom and compassion on meeting the needs of the people of Missouri.

Cause us to think deeply and with great consideration in order to meet the responsibilities invested in us.

Grant to us patience and forbearance in our negotiations and may we always honor You in our deliberations.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS - APPROPRIATIONS

The following House Bills were read the first time and copies ordered printed:

HB 32, introduced by Representative Graham, to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the several divisions and programs thereof for a three-month period to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

HB 33, introduced by Representative Graham, to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education and the several divisions, programs, and institutions of higher education included therein for a three-month period, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS - APPROPRIATIONS

HB 102, HB 103, HB 110 and HB 111 were read the second time.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following House Resolution was referred to the Committee indicated:

HR 1 - Tax Policy

REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS - APPROPRIATIONS

The following House Bills were referred to the Committee indicated:

HB 102 - Budget

HB 103 - Budget

HB 110 - Budget

HB 111 - Budget

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

June 19, 2003

TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you **Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2** entitled:

"AN ACT"

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the several divisions and programs thereof to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

I disapprove of **Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2**. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

This bill reduces state aid to our public schools to unacceptable levels. Since a significant percentage of the foundation program supports teacher salaries, such a cut is likely to result in the layoff of school employees, including teachers across the state. The elimination of the Science, Social Studies, and Health Education assessments is a step backward in accountability of Missouri schools. Without these assessments, the department and local school districts will be unable to determine how well students are performing in these important subject areas. Our children are our future. Reduced funding for education jeopardizes our commitment to and the progress we have made toward providing quality education to our children. We must protect the state's investment in education.

For all of the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning **Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2** without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Bob Holden
Governor

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
June 19, 2003

TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE
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FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you **Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 3** entitled:

"AN ACT"

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education and the several divisions, programs, and institutions of higher education included therein to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

I disapprove of **Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 3**. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

This bill reduces state aid to Missouri's two- and four-year colleges and universities to unacceptable levels. Under this bill, tuition and fees would increase, forcing a "tax increase" on low- and middle-income families. The reductions to various grant and scholarship programs will further reduce the availability of higher education opportunities. Families with lower and middle incomes may no longer be able to afford the cost of college.

For all of the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning **Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 3** without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Bob Holden
Governor

The following members' presence was noted: Abel, Angst, Avery, Bean, Bearden, Behnen, Bishop, Bivins, Bringer, Brown, Bruns, Burnett, Byrd, Cooper (120), Cooper (155), Corcoran, Cunningham (145), Cunningham (86), Curls, Davis (19), Davis (122), Deeken, Dethrow, Dixon, Dusenberg, El-Amin, Ervin, Fares, Fraser, George, Goodman, Graham, Guest, Hampton, Harris (23), Haywood, Henke, Hilgemann, Hobbs, Hoskins, Hunter, Jackson, Jetton, Johnson (90), Kelly (36), Kelly (144), King, Kingery, Kratky, Lager, Lawson, Lembke, LeVota, Lipke, Luetkemeyer, May, Mayer, McKenna, Meiners, Miller, Muckler, Munzlinger, Nieves, Parker, Pearce, Phillips, Portwood, Pratt, Purgason, Ransdall, Rector, Reinhart, Richard, Roark, Ruestman, Sager, Salva, Schlottach, Schneider, Seigfreid, Selby, Self, Shoemaker (8), Shoemyer (9), Smith (118), Smith (14), Spreng, St. Onge, Stefanick, Stevenson, Sutherland, Taylor, Thompson, Threlkeld, Townley,

Viebrock, Villa, Wagner, Walker, Wallace, Walsh, Wasson, Wildberger, Willoughby, Wilson (119), Wilson (130), Wilson (42), Wood, Wright, Yates, Young.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Crowell, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2003.

COMMITTEE MEETING

BUDGET

Wednesday, June 25, 2003, 12:00 p.m. Hearing Room 3.

Possible Executive Session. AMENDED NOTICE

Public Hearing to be held on: HB 102, HB 103

HOUSE CALENDAR

TENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2003

HOUSE BILLS FOR SECOND READING - APPROPRIATIONS

1 HB 32

2 HB 33